

11 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip, Shropshire. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

As part of the GCSE Geography course, all students are expected to conduct two field studies. We have arranged for our Geography students to complete their field studies in Shropshire on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. This field trip will help prepare students for the Unit 3 Geographical Skills examination where they will be expected to answer questions based on the studies they complete.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be travelling to Shropshire by coach to visit our two field sites. We will depart from school at **8.00am** and will arrive back at Bournville School at **6:00pm** (depending on traffic). Please can students arrive in school by **7.45am**.

**AM - Carding Mill Valley River Trends**

*Pupils will investigate how rivers change downstream and compare primary data to the Bradshaw's Model.*

**PM - Bayston Hill Urban Trends**

*Pupils will investigate the causes and consequences of counter-urbanisation in this rural-urban fringe settlement.*

**Non-Uniform:** We will be outdoors all day and so students should wear appropriate clothing. We recommend that students wear layers of clothing in case anything gets wet. Waterproofs and wellies will be supplied for the river study. However, we welcome those that wish to wear their own waterproofs and/or wellies/boots.

**Meals:** If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they will be able to collect a packed lunch from the canteen before we leave. If your child is not entitled to a free school meal, they will need to bring a packed lunch with them. We recommend bringing plenty of snacks and drinks.

We strongly advise that **no valuables** are taken on this trip.

As this is a compulsory element of the GCSE course, we have subsidised this trip as it is essential that all students attend, but we are asking for a £10 contribution from parents, payable via ParentPay.

**Payment:** payment can be made by debit or credit card online via ParentPay. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept cash or cheques in school. To pay for the trip, log in to your child's ParentPay account. The trip name will appear in 'Pay for other items'. Then click 'View details and pay'. When you have added the trip to your basket, click 'Pay now'. You will then be able to pay securely by credit or debit card. Parent Pay will open on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September and close on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Miss Poole, in confidence, if there are any financial difficulties. Miss Poole's email address is [h.poole@bournville.fmat.co.uk](mailto:h.poole@bournville.fmat.co.uk).

**Behaviour:** *Places are subject to the exemplary behaviour of your child as an ambassador of Bournville. **Any breach in behaviour prior to the visit may result in your child being removed from the visit and the loss of any payments made for this trip. This includes any students who may be subject to exclusion from the academy.***

**Refunds:** *Any request for refunds will be subject to an overall review of affordability of this trip by the academy. This is because some trips require the school to pay non-refundable deposits for items such as tickets, accommodation or coaches prior to the trip. If your child is unable to attend the trip at very short notice then we may be unable to offer refunds.*

**We trust that your child's medical information is up to date, if you believe they need updating please contact school to update this information as soon as possible. Your child must bring any medication they require with them on the trip or they will not be allowed to attend.**

**Please return the attached permission slip and emergency contact sheet to Mrs Field by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 0121 475 3881.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Field**  
**Subject Geography**

**Reply slip****RE: Year 11 GCSE Geography Fieldtrip, Shropshire. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

I wish my child: ..... Form: ..... to be allowed to take part in the above-mentioned visit and having read the information agree to him/her taking part. I understand that while the school staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the students, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered to my child arising during, or out of, the school visit.

**I declare that I have provided Bournville with up to date medical details for my child and if treatment is required, I hereby give permission for the staff in charge to act in *loco parentis*.**

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer    Date: .....

**Please return to Mrs Field by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**